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**‘ĀHIHI- KĪNA‘U NATURAL AREA RESERVE LAUNCHES NEW VOLUNTEER  
PROGRAM ON MAUI**

KAHULUI — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has launched a new volunteer program for the ‘Āhihi- Kīna‘u Natural Area Reserve in South Maui. This volunteer program will serve to educate anyone visiting the Reserve on proper etiquette while visiting the naturally and culturally sensitive environment.

Established in 1973, ‘Āhihi-Kīna‘u Natural Area Reserve includes a coastal lava field and surrounding waters. It consists of 1,238 acres on land and 807 acres of ocean along 3 miles of Maui’s southwestern coastline. The reserve includes several popular snorkeling/diving sites and many cultural and geologic sites as well as habitat for numerous rare and endangered species. The Reserve is located at the end of Makena Road, south of Makena State Park and north of Keone‘ō‘io (La Perouse Bay).

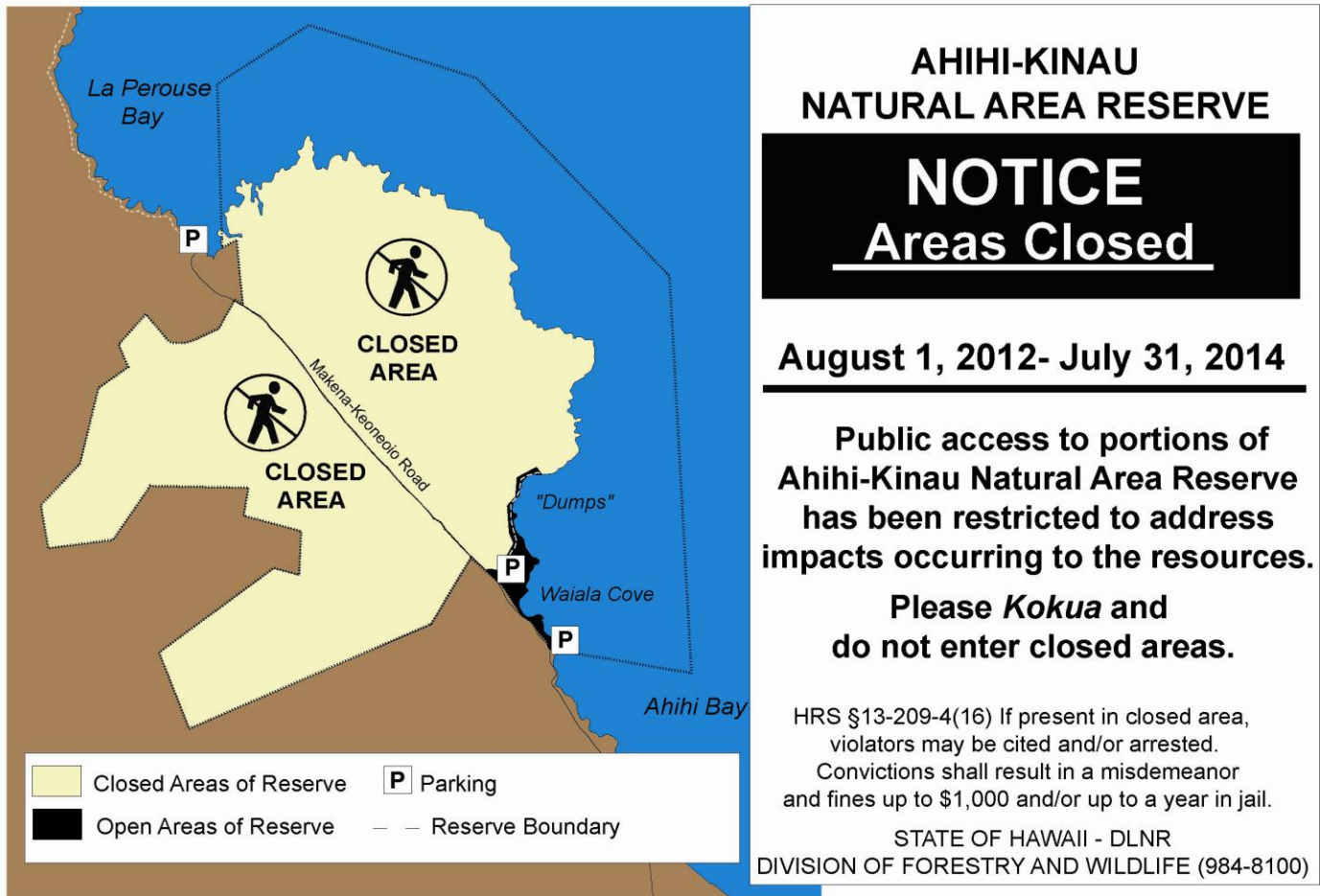
Volunteers will be instrumental in helping provide regular and consistent information to visitors to the Reserve by sharing proper reef etiquette in sensitive snorkeling areas as well as providing information about the history and unique geology of the setting. Volunteers will also inform visitors to enter only open areas of ‘Āhihi-Kīna‘u Natural Area Reserve. The Reserve is visited by 700-1000 people daily.

Volunteers will be asked to commit to at least one 2-hour shift per week. They will receive prior training including classroom instruction and a field tour.

Interested individuals can learn more by contacting Sarah Bott, Volunteer Coordinator, at (808) 264-7891 or email: [sarah.v.bott@hawaii.gov](mailto:sarah.v.bott@hawaii.gov)

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The Board of Land and Natural Resources recently approved continuing the closure for the protection of ‘Āhihi-Kīna‘u Natural Area Reserve, from August 1, 2012 thru July 31, 2014, at its June 22, 2012 meeting. Closures to protect the Reserve began in 2008. A map is available on the ‘Āhihi- Kīna‘u website <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/nars/reserves/maui/ahihikinau> and provided below.



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